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Serial No.: 10/617,905

Group Art Unit No.: 1761

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For: METHOD OF FORMING A
SUGARLESS COATING ON
CHEWING GUM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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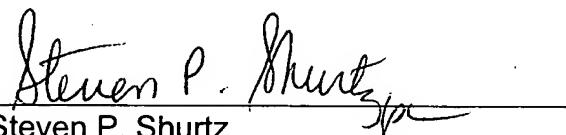
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